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Good afternoon, members of the Education Committee,

My name is Jarrell Goforth, and I am speaking on behalf of my graduating 8th grade class and all future Elm City Middle graduates. I am here today to talk about my experiences at Elm City and how they have fueled my desire to continue at Elm City in 9th grade, work hard, and go off to college.

At Elm City we dream of going to college and seeking out great professions. If given the chance to attend Elm City High School, I believe that can happen. Over the last 4 years, I have succeeded with Elm City's academic program and focus on character. After reading books like To Kill A Mockingbird and Animal Farm, I have been able to see things in a deeper manner. With Animal Farm, I was able to see how the story was not simply about animals, but was also really about the Soviet Union and the great-dictator Stalin.

We, as a class, wish only to carry on with this great education and so we ask for your support to attend Elm City High school next year.